

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AIDS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the soldiers in the Armed Forces are suffering from AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government for their treatment?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total number of AIDS cases in three services as compiled for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 are as follows:

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force	Total
2004	132	08	04	144
2005	67	06	03	76
2006	30	02	03	35

(c) The Armed Forces have established 10 Immuno Deficiency Centres in selected Military Hospitals. These centres provide investigation, treatment and follow up of all HIV positive persons in the Armed Forces under the supervision of a physician, dermatologist, pathologist and a public health specialist. The centres are equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and facilities for detection and treatment of HIV/AIDS cases. In these centres anti-retroviral therapy is provided free to the patient till such time the individual is in service, after which these medicines are supplied through Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme. Regular follow up of patients, their close relatives, alongwith education about the illness is also carried out.